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## **South Dakota National Guard units receive notification of deployment**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery and the 147th Forward Support Company received official notification this past weekend for a one-year mobilization and deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The South Dakota Army National Guard units will mobilize more than 370 Soldiers in April of 2009 to conduct a security force mission in Iraq. The unit is expected to report to Fort Hood, Texas, to complete all required mobilization training prior to deployment to Iraq.

This security force mission will not be the traditional mission of the field artillery unit that is equipped the multiple-launch rocket system. The traditional mission of the unit is to provide high-mobility automatic systems capable of delivering precision counterfire and suppression of enemy air defenses, light materiel, and personnel targets at ranges from 15 to more than 300 kilometers.

The notification of 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery and the 147th Forward Support Company supports the Army Force Generation Model that directly supports the Army's new force structure and is designed to achieve a sustained, more predictable posture to generate trained and ready forces. The model is designed so National Guard and Reserve forces can expect to deploy for up to a year once every five years. This new model will bring more predictability to Soldiers, their families and their employers.

### **Units and Locations**

- Headquarters and Headquarters Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery is located in Watertown and Sisseton.
- Battery A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery is located in Aberdeen.
- Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery is located in Salem and Sioux Falls.\*
- Battery C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery is located in Yankton.

- 147<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Company is located in Mitchell, Sioux Falls and Webster.

\* NOTE: Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 147th Field Artillery was notified of the deployment, but will not be part of the deployment. Battery B is currently deployed to Iraq and none of its deployed members are considered part of this mobilization.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on America, the South Dakota National Guard has mobilized more than 3,100 Soldiers and 1,000 Airmen in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

More than 220 Soldiers and Airmen from the South Dakota National Guard remain on duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas throughout Southwest Asia. More than 4,000 National Guardsmen are serving in a non-active duty status in South Dakota and continue to provide support for state and national emergencies and homeland defense.

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### **Federal call-up for SDNG units as of Oct. 6, 2008**

#### **Operation Joint Endeavor (1995-1996)**

57th Movement Control Team                      Bamberg, Germany

#### **Operation Joint Guard (1996-1997)**

129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment      Bosnia

#### **SFOR – KFOR (2003-2004)**

1085th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Bosnia – Feb. 2002/Oct. 2002

1085th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Kosovo – Sept. 2003/Oct. 2004

**Company C, 1st Bn., 189th Aviation Reg. Kosovo – April 08/currently deployed**

#### **Operation Noble Eagle**

665th Maintenance Company                      Ellsworth Air Force Base and Joe Foss Field – Jan. 2003/Jan. 2005

Detachment 3, 665th Maintenance Co.      Fort Sill, Okla. and National Training Center Feb. 2003/Nov. 2003

#### **Operation Enduring Freedom**

155th Engineer Detachment                      Kuwait - June 2002/March 2003

HHC, 109th Engineer Group                      Afghanistan - April 2004/May 2005

147th Field Artillery Brigade                      Afghanistan – June 2006/June 2007

129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment      Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Atlanta, Tampa – July 2006/June 2007

235th Military Police Company                      Afghanistan – Oct. 2006/Jan. 2008

114th Security Forces Squadron                      Kyrgyzstan – Feb. 2008/ Sept. 2008

Det. 48, Operational Support Airlift  
**S.D. Embedded Training Team**  
**211th Engineer Company (Sapper)**  
**196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade**

Afghanistan – Jan. 2008/ Aug. 2008  
**Afghanistan – Jan. 2008/ currently deployed**  
**Possible deployment in summer 2009**  
**Possible deployment in early 2010**

**Operation Iraqi Freedom**

727th Transportation Company  
109th Engineer Battalion  
740th Transportation Company  
1742nd Transportation Company  
Company B, 109th Medical Battalion  
200th Engineer Company  
842nd Engineer Company  
235th Military Police Company  
129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment  
1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery  
C Battery, 2/147th Field Artillery  
114th Civil Engineering Squadron  
196th Regional Training Institute

2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery  
153rd Engineer Battalion  
216th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters)  
Det. 3, Company F, 238th Aviation  
Det. 3, Company A, 249th Aviation  
Battery C, 1/147th Field Artillery  
114th Security Forces Squadron  
114th Fighter Wing  
Det. 3, Company A, 641st Aviation  
114th Fighter Wing  
**Battery B, 1/147th Field Artillery**  
**1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery**

Kuwait-Iraq – Jan 2003/June 2004  
Iraq – Jan. 2003/Aug. 2003  
Kuwait-Iraq – Feb. 2003/Oct. 2004  
Iraq – March 2003/Aug. 2004  
Iraq – March 2003/June 2004  
Iraq – Jan. 2003/June 2004  
Iraq – March 2003/Nov. 2004  
Fort Carson, Colo. – Feb. 2003/Feb. 2004  
Fort Riley, Kan. - March 2003/July 2003  
Fort Sill, Okla. - March 2003/May 2003  
Fort Campbell, Ky. - March 2003/May 2003  
Iraq - March 2003/Sept. 2003  
Fort Sill, Okla. and Fort Bragg, N.C. –  
Feb. 2003/Feb. 2004  
Iraq – Dec. 2003/Feb. 2005  
Iraq – Dec. 2003/Feb. 2005  
Iraq – Nov. 2003/Jan. 2005  
Iraq – Nov. 2004/Oct. 2005  
Iraq – Dec. 2004/Jan. 2006  
Iraq - July 2004/Sept. 2006  
Iraq – Feb. 2006/Sept. 2006  
Iraq – Oct. 2006/Jan. 2007  
Iraq – Oct. 2007/ May 2008  
Iraq – July 2008/Sept. 2008  
**Iraq – Oct. 2007/ currently deployed**  
**Iraq – Will deploy in spring of 2009**